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### REMARKS

The Examiner rejected Claims 3, 5, 7-9, 11-14, 16-18 and 28-33 and allowed Claims 19-25. The foregoing amendment cancels Claims 3, 5, 7-9, 14, 16-18, 28, and 30-33, amends Claims 11, 12, 14, and 29, and adds Claims 34-40.

New independent Claim 34 is a method claim that is based on allowed Claim 19, which is a system claim. It is submitted that Claim 34 is allowable over the prior art for at least the same reasons as Claim 19. Claims 11, 12, 14 and 29 have been amended to depend from Claim 34.

New independent Claims 35 and 38 recite "passively monitoring the traffic flow at a single point along a first path to the destination to determine data flow characteristics of the first path," "actively probing a second path to the destination to determine traffic flow characteristics of the second path," and "providing a changed source address." Claim 35 recites that the changed source address is associated with an optimized ingress path from the destination path and Claim 38 recites that the changed source address is associated with an alternate path to the destination. None of the prior art describes the combination of passive monitoring and active probing, in addition to changing a source address to control routing that is recited by Claims 35 and 38.

### REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW

The undersigned requests a telephone interview to further discuss this application and will contact the Examiner within the next few weeks to schedule an interview. If the Examiner is ready to examine the application before the interview has been scheduled, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned prior to examination to schedule an interview.

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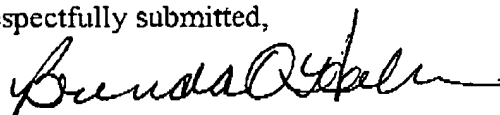
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**CONCLUSION**

The application should now be in condition for allowance and the Applicants solicit a notice to that effect. If there are any issues that can be addressed via telephone, the Examiner is asked to contact the undersigned at 404.685.6799.

Respectfully submitted,



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